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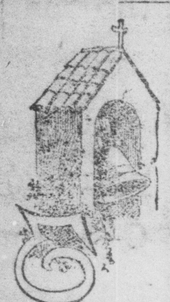
### NEW YEAR'S CHIME.



OLL, toll, toll!
For the old year slowly dying;
Grim, gaunt, sere
On the breast of Time now lying.
Hopes of youth are fleeting,
Hearts with care are beating!
Ho, ye warders of the bells,
Toll, toll, toll!
For earth's enticing fashion,
Toll for strife's unholy passion,
Toll for friendship unrequited,
Toll for hope's enchantments blighted,
Toll for love's fond pledges broken,
Toll for want and woe unspoken,
Toll for mourners sadly weeping,
Toll for sin's vast harvest reaping.
Toll, toll, toll!
Thus while the world shall stand
Sin and woe shall fill the land.
Toll, toll, toll!
Ring, ring, ring!
A welcome to the bright New Year!
Life, hope, joy
On his radiant brow appear.
Hearts with love are thrilling,
Homes with bounty filling.
Ho, ye warders of the bells,
Ring, ring, ring!
For winter's bracing hours,
Ring for birth of spring and flowers,
Ring for summer's fruitful treasure,

Ring for autumn's boundless measure,
Ring for hands of peace to join,
Ring for vows of nobler living,
Ring for truth of tongue or pen,
Ring "Peace on earth, good will toward men"—
Ring, ring, ring!
That this glad year may see
Earth's accomplished jubilee,
Ring, ring, ring!

## THE GOOD MONTHS.

TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN.

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A widow lived with her two daughters, Mary and Helen. The former was her stepdaughter by her late husband, but Helen was a child by a first marriage. Of Helen she was very fond, but poor Mary she did not love at all; and the more that she was much prettier than her sister. As the girl was not vain, she could never understand why her mother flew in a rage every time she looked at her, and why she had to do all the work and drudgery of the household, while her sister Helen dressed herself and went from one amusement and entertainment to the other. To all this unkind treatment from her mother and sister Mary submitted without reproach.

But her angelic resignation did not soften their hearts. Every day they became more harsh and exacting, and as time went on Mary grew more and more beautiful, while Helen grew more and more ugly. At last her stepmother thought, "I must chase her out of the house, this pretty orphan, or I will never marry my own daughter, as all the youths will prefer Mary, and my girl will remain an old maid." So both her mother and sister determined to make her father's house unsupportable for the poor girl. One day in midwinter Helen insisted upon having violets from the forest.

"You will go to the forest, Mary, in the mountain, and gather violets. I wish to have a bunch for my bodice. They must be fresh and odorous. Do you hear?" she cried in a harsh voice.

"My God, good sister," cried Mary, "you do not think of what you are saying! Whoever saw violets growing under the snow?" cried the poor orphan, sighing.

"Wretched girl! Do you dare disobey me?" cried Helen. "Not a word more. Be off! Remember that if you do not

"I HAVE COME TO GATHER STRAWBERRIES."

bring me the violets I will kill you." Here her stepmother added a few cruel words, and with a vigorous blow pushed the out of the house and barred the door.

The poor orphan, weeping bitterly, [illegible] toward the mountain. The [illegible] deep, and there was not the [illegible] of human footsteps. Long, [illegible] she wandered upon the mountain, [illegible] with cold and praying to God [illegible] die.

At last in the distance she saw a brilliant light, and climbing ever onward till she had reached one of the highest peaks she came to a bright open fire, round which were 12 large stones. On these stones were seated 12 men. Four of them were old, with white hair; four less old, and four were young men and very handsome. They were all gazing into the fire.

These men were the 12 months of the year, and grant January, who was seated higher than the rest, had a long, white beard and snowy hair. In his hand he held a wand.

Mary at first was paralyzed with fear, but after a few moments of stupor and silence she regained her courage, and approaching them said: "Men of God, allow me to warm myself by your fire. I am trembling with cold."

Old January raised his head and said: "Why are you here, my maiden? What do you seek?"

"I am seeking violets," answered Mary.

"It is not the season of violets," said January. "Do you not see snow lying everywhere?"

"I know it is not, but my stepmother and sister have sent me to the mountain to gather them, and if I cannot find any they will kill me. I entreat you, fathers, tell me where I can find some?"

Slowly old January rose from his seat and approached one of the younger men. Putting his wand in his hand he said, "Brother March, seat yourself in my place."

March went and seated himself on the high stone and waved the wand over the fire. At once the flames rose to the sky, the snow melted, the trees began to bud, while beneath them the grass grew green and the ground was covered with primroses and cowslips. It was spring and the ground was quite blue with violets that grew under the brushwood.

"Haste and pluck them, Mary," cried March. "Quick!"

The beautiful orphan, filled with joy, hastened to pluck the flowers and soon had a large bunch. Thanking the months politely, she ran home, happy and gay.

Great was the astonishment of her stepmother and Helen when they saw the bunch of fresh violets.

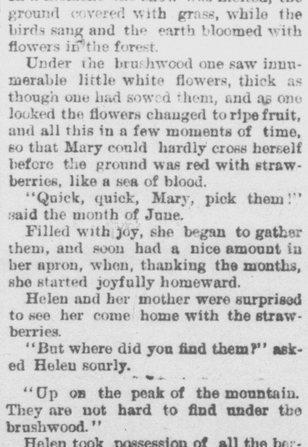
They quickly opened the door and soon the house was filled with the perfume of the flowers.

"Well! And where did you find them?" asked Helen.

"Far up on the peak of the mountain," replied her sister.

Helen at once seized the flowers. She inhaled their perfume with rapture and let her mother smell them, but not giving a single violet to Mary or even thanking her for her trouble.

The next day, as Helen stood warming herself by the stove, she had a sudden fancy to eat strawberries and called her sister. "Mary," she said, "hasten



SHE JOYFULLY SHOOK THE TREE.

to the mountain and gather me strawberries. They must be very sweet and ripe."

"My God, whoever heard that strawberries ripened under the snow!" cried the orphan.

"Not a word. If you do not bring me the strawberries soon, we will kill you. Remember, you are warned."

After this threat her stepmother seized her violently and thrust her out in the courtyard, barring the door.

The wretched orphan, her eyes filled with tears, began to climb the mountain. She already knew the way, and without hesitation climbed up the peak, where the 12 months sat round the fire, old January, as before, on the highest seat.

"Men of God," she said, "let me warm myself by your fire! I am trembling with cold."

Old January lifted his head and looked:

"Why have you come here and what do you seek?"

"I have come to gather strawberries," said Mary.

"It is now midwinter and strawberries do not grow under the snow," answered January.

"I know it," said Mary sadly. "But my stepmother and sister have ordered me to bring them ripe strawberries. Tell me where I can gather them."

Old January rose slowly from his seat, approached the month that sat opposite him, and giving him his wand said, "Brother June, seat yourself on the highest stone."

The month of June went and seated himself on the stone that marked the highest place. He waved his wand over the fire and the flames rose to the sky. In a moment the snow was melted, the ground covered with grass, while the birds sang and the earth bloomed with flowers in the forest.

Under the brushwood one saw innumerable little white flowers, thick as though one had sowed them, and as one looked the flowers changed to ripe fruit, and all this in a few moments of time, so that Mary could hardly cross herself before the ground was red with strawberries, like a sea of blood.

"Quick, quick, Mary, pick them!" said the month of June.

Filled with joy, she began to gather them, and soon had a nice amount in her apron, when, thanking the months, she started joyfully homeward.

Helen and her mother were surprised to see her come home with the strawberries.

"But where did you find them?" asked Helen sourly.

"Up on the peak of the mountain. They are not hard to find under the brushwood."

Helen took possession of all the berries. A part she gave to her mother, and devoured the rest.

The third day Helen, satiated with the strawberries, longed for fresh picked red apples.

"Mary," she called, "be quick and nimble. Go to the mountain and seek for red apples."

"My God, sister, you know that during the winter the trees are without leaves or fruit!"

"Ugly lazy bones! Go, climb quickly up the mountain and bring me back apples, or remember we will kill you!"

As usual her stepmother caught her rudely, thrust her out of the house and barred the door behind her.

The poor orphan, weeping bitterly, passed through the forest that led to the mountain. She climbed up to the peak, where the 12 months sat by the flaming fire. They all sat motionless on their stone seats, and old January as usual on the highest.

"Men of God, let me warm myself by your fire! The winter wind freezes me," she said.

Old January lifted his head and began to question her, "Why have you come here and what do you seek?"

"I seek red apples," said Mary.

"It is midwinter now," said old January, "and not the time for red apples."

"I know it," said the poor girl. "But my sister Helen and my mother have ordered me to bring them red apples from the mountain or they will kill me."

Hearing this, old January rose from his seat and went to one of the other men and gave him his wand.

"Brother September, seat yourself in the place of honor."

The month of September seated himself on the highest stone and waved his wand over the fire. The flames sprang toward the sky, taking a red tinge, while the snow melted rapidly. The leaves of the trees fell, one by one, blown here and there by a cold breeze, and the sun shone yellow. The orphan saw but very few flowers, and those only autumn ones. In the dells meadow saffron and high ferns were growing between the autumn brushwood and brambles.

Mary looked in vain for red apples till all at once she noticed a tolerably tall apple tree, and up on the top branches she saw a few red apples.

"Hasten to gather them," cried September.

The young girl joyfully shook the tree, and one apple fell. She shook it again, and a second rolled to her feet.

"You have enough," said the month. "Hurry home again."

The orphan picked up the apples, and thanking the months hurried home.

Helen and her stepmother were astonished to see her return with the apples and ran to open the door.

"Hold! How did you manage to pick them?" asked Helen.

"A few still hung on the apple tree on the top of the mountain," said Mary.

"Why did you not bring more?" cried Helen angrily. "You ate them up on the way, you ugly minx!"

"No, good sister, I did not taste one," said Mary. "The first time I shook the tree one apple fell; the second time another. That is all. I was not permitted to shake the tree a third time, but ordered to go home."

Helen, who loved fine fruit, left off persecuting her sister for the time, and bit into the apple. She found it delicious, the sweetest she had ever eaten, and her mother agreed with her, but both, after having eaten one, were dissatisfied. They wished for more.

"I'll tell you what, mamma," said Helen. "Give me a cloak and I will go to the mountain myself. That horrid girl would finish by devouring all the apples on her way home. I will be sure to find the mountain and the apple tree, and once there the fathers may scold as they like. I will not leave them until I have shaken down all the apples."

Heedless of her mother's disapproval, Helen put on the cloak and a warm hood and started for the mountain. Her mother stood by the door and gazed after her till she was lost to sight.

The ground was covered with snow; not a human footstep was to be seen, but after wandering here, now there, Helen saw the flame of the fire, far above her, and began climbing. After a short time she reached the peak of the mountain and saw the fire, round which the 12 months were sitting. At first she hesitated and was frightened, but soon recovering herself she went boldly to the fire, and stretching out her hands warmed herself without asking permission or even noticing the 12 months.

"What brings you here and what seek you?" asked old January sternly.

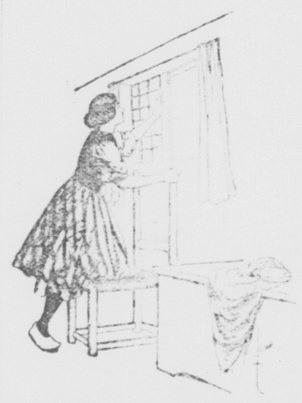
"You have no right to question me, old graybeard! Why do you wish to know what I seek?" answered Helen haughtily, and turning her head and back to the fire she went toward the forest.

Old January frowned and waved his wand over his head.

In the twinkling of an eye the sky was filled with heavy clouds, the fire burned low and large snowflakes began to fall, while an icy wind howled through the mountain. In the midst of this dreadful storm Helen began to curse her sister and call on the good God, as she knew the cloak could not keep her body from stiffening and freezing.

Her mother waited impatiently for her daughter. Every little while she went to the window, then to the door, to look for her, but the hours passed and she did not return. "Have the apples bewitched her so that she cannot find her way home?" thought her mother. "I must go and seek her."

Hastily wrapping herself in a cloak and hood she set out. The falling snow had obliterate her daughter's footsteps,



"OH, MY GOD!" SAID SHE.

and not a human trace was to be seen, while no voice answered to her long call. Long she wandered at hazard in the snow, while it fell in avalanches and an icy wind blew from the mountain.

Mary in the meanwhile had cooked the dinner and milked the cow, but neither Helen nor her mother was to be found.

Her daily work was now ended, the day had gone and night was coming on. What can have happened?

"Oh, my God!" said the excellent girl, and opened the window to look out.

The storm had ceased, the sky was brilliant with stars, while the snow glimmered like diamonds by their light —not a trace of a human being was to be seen. Mary [illegible] the wind. She made the [illegible] ed for herself for [illegible] she waited for them at breakfast and dinner. They never came.

Both Helen and her mother were frozen in the mountain, and Mary inherited the little cottage, the cow, and a small field. It was not long before she married an honest farmer, and they both lived in peace and happiness ever after.

New Year's was not observed as a Christian festival until the year 487, and there is little mention of it in the records before the eleventh century. It was not included in the liturgy until 1570 A. D.

### TEMPUS FUGIT.

A Few Paragraphs From the Pens of Newspaper Philosophers on the Flight of Time.

In our boyhood time walks, in middle life it ambles, and in old age it pants in breathless haste to reach the goal and have done with us. A day is a week to the child, and a week is but a day to the aged.—New York Herald.

The months may speed as they will. The days may come and go like lightning flashes. Age may creep on apace and youth hasten to middle life. November blasts may chill and December snows cover the sod like a shroud. It matters little. There will be other years in other climes, and the work we leave unfinished will be brought to completion after the grass has grown on our graves. —Unidentified.

No time is so short as that of the man who has passed the three score milestone. The clock no longer ticks the seconds away, but the days. The very weeks flash by. Hardly do the flowers of April bloom before the frosts of October set in, and hardly do the frosts carve fantastic pictures on the window pane before the sun of another spring makes the meadow green once more.—Exchange.

Time was when it was considered a sure sign of death before the next New Year to see your own shadow in the moonlight on the 1st of January.

January is still called by the old Celtic name—Juis Genver, the cold month—in Cornwall, England. The Saxons called it Wolf Monat, because the wolves were unusually ravenous in January. By the Saxon it was termed Aefer-Yule.

Pins were invented in the sixteenth century at Gloucester, England. They straightway became a popular New Year's present, but later money for their purchase, called "pin money," was given instead.

In the days of our European forbears it was believed that unless misfortune were courted no one should leave the house on New Year's day till some one had entered, and the visitor to bring a fine brand of good luck should be a dark haired man.

## CRISP LOCAL ITEMS.

Concerning People and Home Events of Interest to All.

Henry Warden is visiting in San Antonio.

Charles Moody and Jas Everhart of Sherman were here Thursday.

Miss Bettie Wise of this city visited Mrs. George Lewis in Plano last week.

Alonzo Sims of Weatherford was here the latter part of last week.

Todd Largent came in Sunday from Waco to spend a week with his parents.

Tom Morgan of Plano has accepted a position with the McKinney Examiner.

Miss Knight of Commerce is the guest of Mrs. Beaver in South McKinney.

Prof. W. J. Ledbetter of Gallocks [illegible] in his city on business [illegible]

Miss Pauline Hughes is visiting friends in Denton.

Walter S. Terrell is visiting [illegible] ats in Mississippi.

Jim Turner of Rock Hill is visiting his native state, Tennessee.

Miss Hattie Brockman visited in Lebanon this week.

Mrs. Exie Brockman has returned from a visit to her former home in Denton county.

Mr. J. G. Davis has moved his insurance business into the Metz building.

Rev. W. P. Cloyd of Rockwall came over last week and spent a few days in McKinney among his old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Barnett have returned to Greenville after spending the holidays in this city.

G. M. D. Williams and family of this city moved Tuesday to the Stiff farm near Lowery's crossing.

Scott Taylor of Van Alstyne visited his uncle Capt W. H. Taylor and family here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom E. Oldham have returned from Benham where they spent Christmas with [illegible]

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Shipley returned to Sherman Saturday after having spent a pleasant Christmas in McKinney.

Deputy City Marshall Chief Weston of Dallas Saturday for a brief pleasure trip to San Antonio.

Miss Emma Watson of Dallas spent Christmas day with her uncle, Dr. J. P. Webster, in this city.

Miss Annie Pruitt returned to her home in Garland Monday after a week's visit to friends in McKinney.

Miss Marye Gaudin of Paris is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. F. C. Thompson, in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Thompson spent last week with friends at Hickory Creek Hunt county.

Miss Laura Coffee of this city [illegible] opened her school at Lower Rowlett Monday after the holiday vacation.

Eld. S. W. Crutcher is moving to his new house in the north part of the city, where he will be found in the future.

Mr. Jas. Thompson has accepted a position with Wilcox & Rogers, where his friends can find him in the future.

Misses Emma and Roxie Butler of Allen returned home Monday, after a week's visit to Misses Laura and Alwilda Coffey in this city.

John A. Throckmorton died Saturday night at Houston in the 75th year of his age. He was a brother of ex-Gov. J. W. Throckmorton.

Mrs. Mary T. Beal has returned to Tennessee after an extended visit in this city with her daughter, Mrs. I. A. Armstrong.

Miss Annie Dowell of Ursuline convent, Dallas, is spending the holiday vacation with her father, R. F. Dowell, in this city.

George Williams, the 14 year old son of J. C. Williams, is recovering from a broken leg sustained by being thrown from a horse.

R. H. Coleman of Plano is a fine poultry breeder. He raises black breasted red games and recently captured first premiums on three entries which he made at the state Poultry association at Galveston.

Capt. Brady went up to Melissa Saturday to attend a shooting match. The Captain is a crack shot and always carries off the bulk of the honors on such occasions.

Prof. A. C. Thompson's school at Rock Hill will not resume as soon after the holiday vacation as expected on account of the measles which are raging in that community.

Gip Berry left Tuesday for Dallas where he goes to accept a position with J. W. Crowdus Drug Co. He has long been clerking for Lawrence Waddill and has many friends here in McKinney, where he was born and reared to manhood.

P. Schoenberg, an Israelite dry goods man who conducted two small establishments in this city, "folded his tent like an Arab," and very silently took his departure one day last week for parts unknown. He had only set up for business in McKinney a few months ago but left several creditors here to mourn his sudden emigration.

The Democrat has just been informed that it has lost one of its most prized correspondents, "Eugenia," of Sister Grove, but we console ourselves with the blessed thought that what is our loss is another's gain. We extend congratulations; yet bewailing Cupid's power to thus interfere with newspapers' affairs.

### Sister Grove Gleanings.

Dec. 22, 1895.

Mr. Frost and family arrived home last week. We are glad to have them with us again.

Messrs. Hence Wright and Tom Gladden have been suffering for several days with pneumonia.

Mr. Watkins has had a new room added to his house recently.

Mrs. Pilgrim left for Tennessee Friday to spend the holidays at her old home.

Mrs. Tucker spent Sunday with Mrs. Delay. They will move to Farmersville soon.

Miss Laura Lokey visited Miss Hettie Frost Sunday.

Mr. Thomas and family moved to Silver Point last week.

Prof. H Beard is spending the holiday at his home in Weston. There will be no school this week.

Miss Julia Scroggins and Martha House spent Sunday with Miss Nora Pilgrim.

Miss Bessie Frost attended the infare dinner of her uncle, Mr. Charley Milligan.

Wheat is looking well since the rain.

Singing at the school house Sunday night with good attendance. Singing again next Sunday night.

EUGENIA.

### Resolutions of Blue Ridge A F & A M.

To the Worshipful Master-Wardens of Blue Ridge Lodge No. 690 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Greeting:

Brother James Hamilton Douglass was born in Tenn. Jan. 3, 1855. Professed a hope in Christ about twelve years ago last October and joined the Freewill Baptist church and lived an honorable member and but a short time before the dissolution of body and spirit he gave his wife comfort in the assurance that all was well. He was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Farmersville Lodge No. 214, Feb. 10, 1894. Affiliated with Blue Ridge Lodge No. 690, April 6, 1895, was appointed Junior Deacon June 1, 1895, which office he held at the time of his death which occurred Nov. 4, 1895; and he closed his eyes to all earthly things to awake a Master Mason in good standing in the glory land beyond the stream of death. Sorrow not brethren. He is not here. Is he dead? No, he is not dead; but is sweetly sleeping in Jesus.

As it has pleased an All-wise God to take from our midst our esteemed and noble brother, James Hamilton Douglass; one whom we all loved and respected as a friend and genial brother, an upright, honorable, Christian gentleman and a true Mason; therefore be it

Resolved, That, while we bow in submission to Him who doeth all things well and who always careth for His people we can but feel that our lodge has been bereft of one of its most ardent members and with deep and unfeigned sorrow we mourn his death and absence from among us and do sadly pay tribute to his memory by this record.

Resolved, That words are insufficient to give full expression to our feelings of deepest sympathy and consolation to the family of our departed brother, but silent tears that cannot be expressed, will serve as mystic tokens of the sorrow that pervades our broken circle. May God watch over and protect the widow and fatherless and bestow upon them His abundant consolation and may the link which has here been broken become welded again in that Grand Lodge above, where parting will be no more.

Resolved, That, as a token of our respect and love our Lodge expends its sympathy to the family of our deceased brother and its members wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days and that these resolutions be inscribed in the minutes of our Lodge, a copy transmitted to the family of our deceased brother and a copy sent to the McKinney DEMOCRAT for publication.

Fraternally submitted,

Signed:

George Jeffcoat,
D. W. Grounds,
Talley Jeffcoat.

Committee.

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### DEATHS.

The remains of G. A. Robinson were shipped here last Thursday on the 11 o'clock train and were borne to the residence of L. W. Crouch. The deceased was the father of Mrs. L. W. Crouch and W. C. Robinson of this city and lived here once himself. He died at Crum, Denton county, and was buried Friday in Pecan Grove cemetary. Rev. D. J. Martin conducting the services, after which the Odd Fellows took charge of the remains and conducted the burial according to their rites and ceremony. THE DEMOCRAT extends condolence to the family of the deceased in this sad hour of death.

### Real Estate Transfers.

Deeds and releases filed with the county clerk since our last report, compiled by A.C. Wilmeth

Mrs L A Reynolds to J H Reynolds, lots, $109.

Amos Ewell to Francis Ruth lots, $70.

F L McCarty and wife to Amos Ewell, lots, $50.

E E Maloney to A M Wilson 30 acres, $700.

M W Allen and wife to A M Wilson 20 acres, $440.

R R Allen to A M Wilson 20 acres, $440.

James P Dumas to John Miller 41 acres, $334.

J M Wright and wife to J H Calloway 14½ acres, $133.

J M Wright and wife to J H Calloway 22 acres, $110.

J H Jenkins to J W Angle 95 acres, $665.

John Cook and wife to J B Watson 50 acres, $800.

J Sinclair and wife to D A McDaniel 57 acres $1280.

Rene P Muney to Gabriel Fitzhugh 160 acres $160.

John H Blankenship and wife to C P Reed 40 acres, $1200.

C P Reed and wife to B F Houston et al 40 acres, $1400.

W W Pearse and wife to E C Pearse $750.

J E Jones and wife to B H Hill et al $3500.

E Z N Brooks and wife to J H Furr $2200.

T E Shirley to W C Rutledge 2 acres $200.

[illegible] and wife to McGhee & Collum 164 acres, $3100.

[illegible] to J T Watkins $600.

P H Solomon and wife to Jas A Caldwell 43 acres, $1500.

G H Henslee and wife to F A Henslee 60 acres, $150.

O H Bell to W A Bell lot, $1100.

O H Bell to W A Bell 50 acres, $1150.

F D Ch[illegible] and wife to W A and O H Bell lot, $300.

Paying personal attention to suits in any court in the county or state; houses rented and looked after; Taxes paid. Terms reasonable. We solicit a share of your patronage. A. C. Wilmeth.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

### JACKSON'S BANK VETO.

Most of the difficulty our government encounters, and most of the dangers impending over our union have sprung from an abandonment of the legitimate objects of government by our national legislation. Many of our rich men have not been content with equal protection and equal benefits, but have besought us to make them richer by acts of congress. By attempting to gratify these desires we have in the result given to large classes an artificial position against those who have not been favored by legislation, a position of power against labor, of combination against individual interest, and, more than all, against the common welfare. Many millionaires have been created by acts of congress. Many flourishing cities have been built up by the same means, but the price paid in compromising the morals of the people, in the sacrifice of national honor, in breeding a spirit of speculation which threatens to sap the foundation of the union.

If we cannot at once in justice to interests vested in improvident legislature, make our government what it ought to be, we can at least take a stand against all new grants of monopolies and privileges, against any further prostitution of our government to the advancement of the few at the expense of the many, and in favor of compromise and gradual reform in our code of laws and system of political economy.—From President Jackson's veto of National Banking bill, July 10, 1832.

### OFFICIAL.

To Members of the Farmers' Alliance of Texas—Greeting:

At a meeting of the executive committee and president of the F. S. A. of Texas, to carry out instructions of the Alliance in regard to securing the next annual meeting of National Alliance and Industrial Union in Texas, we beg to inform you that we have extended an invitation to the national committee of same, and entertain great hopes of a favorable answer, for which we now anxiously await. we are pleased to be able to say that the Alliance is fast regaining its past vigor, both as to members and enthusiasm. From reports received to date we can assure you the future is brightening.

We note an increase of membership, aggregating at least 50 per cent, with everything bright and cheerful at nearly all points. we have completed arrangements and will exert all means at our command to vigorously press forward the work of the order the coming year, for the following reasons:

1st. Because every line of business is organized for protection.

2nd. Because all other industrial classes are organizing for their protection.

3rd. Because the alliance is the only truly representative organization for the protection of the agricultural interests, and with kindrid organizations is the originator of the plan upon which rests the principles of the great reform political party of to-day. It is in perfect harmony and sympathy with all organized labor, and will perform its part of the work. We earnestly urge upon you the necessity of rallying to the Alliance and the cause of humanity.

Evan Jones, Pres.
S. C. Granbery, Ch. Ex. Com.
W. T. Youngman, Sec'y.

### Marriage Bells.

Licenses to wed issued by County Clerk J. A. Walden since our last report:

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| J W Horton | " " | C A Artman |
| R K Evanns | " Mrs | Julia Kaylor |
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| J D Jackson | " " | Susan Warden |
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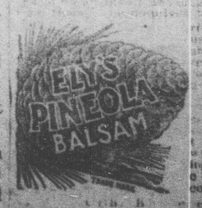
Last Friday night a false fire alarm caused a panic in a Baltimore theatre which resulted in the trampling to death of twenty-four people and fatally injuring two more.

PINEOLA COUGH BALSAM.

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# THE DEMOCRAT.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 1896.

F. C. Thompson, Editor & Propriet'r
Walter B. Wilson, Local Editor.


Up and at 'em!

"Write it 1896."

Happy New Year.

"Swear off" again.

Those who want office will proceed to fix up their fences.

Do, your best in 1896 and you may probably do more than you have done before for reform.

How many congressmen vote without considering their chances of re-election?

Among the many good things we might do this year is to pay subscription.

Hon. Jerome C. Kearby will have the unanimous endorsement of the next populist state convention for governor.

The war talk occasioned by President Cleveland's message on the Venezuela-Great Britain boundary dispute is subsiding rapidly.

Mayor Holland of Dallas will accompany a populist commitee to St. Louis to solicit the holding of the national populist convention in Dallas. The national executive committee meets in St. Louis Jan. 18th.

A bond issue seems inevitable. J. P. Morgan of New York has organized a syndicate which has signed papers the purport of which is to furnish the government with $200,000,000 in gold for bonds.

Query: If Jo Bailey could not get an anti-pension bill through a democratic congress how is he going to get through this one? Bailey is attempting to manufacure campaign thunder for home use.

"Wealth acquired in legitimate ways by the exercise of industry and skill and the investment of capital, cannot hurt either its possessor or the community."—Nugent's opening speech 1894.

Mr. J. W. Thomas, of McKinney, informed us that it was his intention if ever he entered congress to present a bill for the purpose of sending a recruiting officer to every community when such a subject as war was sprung. These officers are to enlist every man who clamors for war. He thought that such a procedure would insure peace.

It is true that the populist party, at present, is made up mainly of poor men. It is also true that it has within its ranks in almost every locality rich men whose selfishness and greed destroys any idea of their being patriots. We want reform and if those who are able do not contribute liberally of their wealth to the cause how can we succeed?

The workings of congress amount to nothing but a scramble for political advantages. The lower house has passed a tariff bill and a bond bill, both of which will find "rocky" traveling through the senate owing to the opposition of the free silver element in that body. In the meantime Cleveland and Carlisle threaten to issue more bonds, which will be done in a few days, no doubt.


**Nervous**

People should realize that the only true and permanent cure for their condition is to be found in having

**Pure Blood**

Because the health of every organ and tissue of the body depends upon the purity of the blood. The whole world knows the standard blood purifier is

**Hood's Sarsaparilla**

And therefore it is the only true and reliable medicine for nervous people. It makes the blood pure and healthy, and thus cures nervousness, makes the nerves firm and strong, gives sweet sleep, mental vigor, a good appetite, perfect digestion. It does all this, and cures Scrofula, Eczema, or Salt Rheum and all other blood diseases, because it

Makes

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Results prove every word we have said. Thousands of voluntary testimonials fully establish the fact that

**Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures**

Be Sure to Get Hood's

"Hood's Sarsaparilla cured our boy of eczema which physicians treated in vain." Frank W. Bradbury, 228 Johnson Avenue, Trinidad, Colorado.

Hood's Pills cure all liver ills, constipation, biliousness, sick headache, indigestion, &c.


The populist Central club will meet next Monday to transact business. We hope that some one from each community will attend.

"Labor, however, can only hope to achieve a victory worthy of the name by strickly peaceable and orderly methods."—Nugent's opening speech 1894.

The Southern Arena, published at Walnut Springs, Texas, is a reform monthly that should visit every home.

The Kaufman leader is a new populist weekly published by Carroll & Son at Kaufman. We welcome it into the journalistic field and to our x table. May it be a whole regiment in the battle of reform in Texas.

The Central populist club meeting Monday Jan. 6th, will bring many of the members of that political faith in Collin county to McKinney on that day.

The Daily Budget is a new enterprise for McKinney in the journalistic line. "Budget" Wilson is proprietor and James M. Muse is editor. May it become one of the fixtures of our town is the wish of The Democrat.

If Jerome C. Kearby insists on running for congress again next year, the pops will be hard put for a gubernatorial candidate.—Greenville Herald.

You are mistaken, we have lots of gubernatorial timber. Query: What if Cleveland refuses to run for president, what in the thunder would you do? Do you think that you can get a man of respectbility to accept such a candidacy?

For years the democratic and republican parties have been engaged in "putting each other in a hole," to the utter disgust of both the business man and the laborer. The present congress is mainly represented by a set of political cut-throats whose only object is to draw their salaries and build up fences in pure demagogue style. How long will the people endure this sort of proceeding? Let us hope that it will not be until their strength is entirely exhausted.

Vol. 1, No. 1, of Texas Sifter, edited by Alex E. Sweet at Dallas, is before us. If its first issue is an index of its future makeup, it will certainly take its rank among the leading illustrated humorist journals of the United States. Its editor is a pioneer humorous writer of Texas. The price of the Texas Sifter is 10cts per copy or $4 per year, issued weekly. If you want to pull yourself out of the "blues" and at the same time imbibe a large amount of "horse sense" just read the Texas Sifter published at Dallas.

### Old and New.

The year 1895 has passed away, bearing upon its bosom faded flowers of hope and thorns of despair. The toiling and suffering millions, gaunt and hungry, enter the new year with no star of hope to lead them on—with no prospect of rest on God's footstool unless the increased cry for help reaches the throne of justice and pierces the hearts of the crowned demons who have so long held sway and bartered away for gold the rights of the manhood of America.

Entering upon the threshold of the new year, 1896, will be the pirates of the old to mark their paths with wrecked homes, surrounded with a ragged and disconsolate peasantry.

The battle for home—for equal opportunities for the preservation of American liberty—for justice, and nothing more, will be waged in 1896. Let every man who stands in favor of "a change" be ready to answer every call for duty. Go to your meetings and cheer, by your presence, the faithful, who have never faltered. If you will not help to liberate yourself in the name of heaven how can you ever expect to be freed from bondage? And right here, we wish to call attention to men who claim to stand in the ranks of reform and yet though they are financially able, will give only a meagre amount in behalf of reform. We want men tried and true to engage in this battle. Let the cowardly with seared conscience go into the enemies camp and lick the hand that constantly strikes them.

With sweet memories mingled with the sad we bid adieu to 1895 and we welcome the year 1896 as we step upon its threshold, armed with the sword of truth and eternal vigilance to aid in fighting her battles for justice.

The Peoples Paper, published at Bastrop and the Leader, published at Kaufman, are two new populist papers which came into existence lately.

The meeting of the Collin county Central populist club in McKinney next Monday is fraught with much interest in that it is the first quarterly meeting for the great campaign year of 1896, and new officers are to be elected. Besides reports of the finance committeemen will be made and plans for the campaign will be considered. It is the duty of every populist in Collin county to be present and participate in the councils of his party.

### To Our Friends.

In beginning the year 1896 we wish to thank our corps of correspondents in Collin county for their cordial and faithful efforts in behalf of The Democrat during the year which has just closed. Whatever excellence The Democrat has attained in the past you share in all honors bestowed. We intend, by your assistance, to keep in the front ranks of county journalism in the future. The Democrat visits every nook of Collin county and we want to go forth on these weekly errands ladened with the cream of local condensations from every community in the county. Therefore if you are receiving, complimentary, a copy of The Democrat each week as a correspondent we hope you will not neglect us. Either do what you agreed to or kindly notify us and another correspondent for your locality will be supplied. If your community is not represented in our columns kindly use your influence in securing us a reporter. The Democrat is the only populist paper in Collin county and a kind word from you in its behalf will cost you nothing while at the same time a united influence would accomplish much for us and your principles for which we have ever stood.

### Increased Taxes

Tax Collector A. W. Knighton has done the major part of the cash business in McKinney the last few days. Many were the exclamations of surprise heard to fall from the farmers' lips at the enormity of the increase in taxes which they were forced to pay for 1895 over 1894. "Touch a man's pocket-book and you touch his heart" is a trite saying, but as eternal as truth. The mumblings of discontent among the horny-handed tax payers of our fertile, but mismanaged state bodes destructive breakers ahead for the mismanagers whose identity in Texas goes without the saying. Farmers are sneeringly criticised by a certain faction of our people even in Texas for devoting attention to politics, yet at the bidding of imperious fatlings at the head of the pie counter of the state farmers are compelled to march up and pay extortionate taxes under a dire compulsory penalty. Property in the name of actual farmers of our country has decreased in the last forty years from three-fifths to one-fifth of the total valuation, yet they pay about four-fifths of the taxes.

The Demorcat believes that the farmers, the class which bears the great burden of our government, is the class of all classes that should devote much attention to politics, and The Democrat also believes that the producers of our state will rise up in their might, ere the year of 1896 shall have come to a close, and visit the despoilers of their prosperity with a full and merited retribution.

### DR. DUDLEY.

#### At the Federal Cross Roads.

The wealthy democrats at the Cross Roads have at last yieldad up the democratic ghost on the money question. They have concluded that, while there are some fairly good fellows in democratic ranks, that the democratic party would run this nation in the ground if our financial system were even perfect. Sigma, who is the best posted democrat here, says that the democrats in Texas assign the deficit of a million dollars to one cause in Texas, and the deficit of $42,805,223 at national headquarters to another cause entirely different. Mr. Sigma, however, openly declares that the failure in Texas and also in the nation, are results of the same cause, namely, the want of good horse sense on the part of the democrats to know how to run this government. Sigma has brought himself into disrepute for this statement, and it is generally believed that he will lose his position as the result. He is a teacher here in one of the most prominent Sunday schools at the Cross Roads. The situation has assumed serious proportions and the final result is purely prophetic.

Sigma is noted here for his honesty and great wisdom, and hence, the Sunday school boycott is much to be deplored. Among the intellectual giants residing here is one Mr. Epsilon, who belongs to Prof. Sigma's bible class, who for the last year has been shut up in his studio, except the Sunday school hour. He is bending all his energies to solve a great problem which he calls, "Which is the less of the two great evils?" Up to date we are told that his notes number 14,000 sheets. Epsilon, from the days of Greely down to the last election of Cleveland, has been the leading light of democracy at the Cross Roads. The problem, in the solution of which he has spent a solid year, which stands at the head of his notes as, "Which is the less of the two Great Evils?" relates to the democratic and republican parties. In his last note—for we are told that he is now through—Epsilon bravely remarks: "By every possible means at my command, by metaphysical distinctions, by systematic history, by predicating things of the apex of technicality, by the bible in the Sunday school, by the study of party legislation, by answer to prayer, by John Sherman recollections, by Cleveland's message, by John Griffin Carlisle's last report to congress, by microscopic view, by God, the only difference under the sun I can find between the democratic and republican parties is that the democratic party has its name branded on the east end of the English Bull traveling west, and the republican party has its autograph on the north end of the same animal traveling south." This sheet certainly shows great research on the part of Epsilon. At the bottom of this sheet will be found the Latin "Finis."

It was given out at Sunday school last Sunday by Sigma, that Epsilon would begin, on the 15th inst., a critical study of the Omaha platform, in all of its parts, and that the result of this most critical investigation should be given over to Mr. Dudley for publication in the most popular papers here and up north. Just before the Rev. Demagogue pronounced the benediction, the clerk of the Sunday school arose to a point of order, saying: "Brother president, I perject to meny things like this hure common up hur; (Rev. Demagogue shouts "God forbid it") this hur is no place to talk about Omaha for he don't berlong to this hure Sabbath school no how." Sigma called the school to its feet and the Rev. Demagogue dismissed it. The subject for next Sunday is: "If the devil hates sin why has he no time to spare with such fellows as Dr. Dudley?"

Golden text: "The ass knoweth his Master's crib, but my people don't know enough to be responsible for sin." Selah.

### From Bowlby.

December 27th, 1895.

Editor Democrat.

New Year's gift, Mr. Editor! Bowlby had a merry, merry, muddy Christmas.

Several from here left last week for their old native home state, Tennessee, to spend the holidays.

While Landon Duncan of near Celina was visiting here the news came to him that his house and all he had was blown away by the storm of last Tuesday.

A Christmas dinner was given by Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Crutcher of near Walnut Grove and the following families partook of the sumptous feast: their father, S. A. Crutcher, J. A. Crutcher and family, Wm. Crutcher and family, Ed McKinney and family, Jim Hickey and family; numbering in all 27 persons.

The boys made right good music in their serenade last Tuesday night. They carried home with them mud, peruna and cakes.

The young people have been taking in socials in every direction during the holidays.

The Walnut Grove neighborhood had prayer meeting every night last week.

John Moore from the Panhandle was shaking hands with old friends Saturday.

We understand that our teacher, Prof. W. A. Parker, has chosen the one he loves best. Central extends congratulations to the happy pair.

Richard and Roy Donaldson of Greenville, spent Christmas with their old friends of Bowlby. Come again boys.

Central.


**Weak, Irritable, Tired**

"I Was No Good on Earth."

Dr. Miles' Nervine strengthens the weak, builds up the broken down constitution, and permanently cures every kind of nervous disease.

*"About one year ago I was afflicted with nervousness, sleeplessness, Creeping sensation in my legs, Slight palpitation of my heart, Distracting confusion of the mind, Serious loss or lapse of memory. Weighted down with care and worry. I completely lost appetite And felt my vitality wearing out, I was weak, irritable and tired, My weight was reduced to 160 lbs., In fact I was no good, on earth.*

A friend brought me Dr. Miles' book, "New and Startling Facts," and I finally decided to try a bottle of Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine. Before I had taken one bottle I could sleep as well as a 10-yr.-old boy. My appetite returned greatly increased.

*When I had taken the sixth bottle My weight increased to 176 lbs., The sensation in my legs was gone: My nerves steadied completely: My memory was fully restored. My brain seemed clearer than ever. I felt as good as any man on earth. Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine is A great medicine, I assure you."*

Augusta, Me. Walter R. Burbank.

Dr. Miles' Nervine is sold on a positive guarantee that the first bottle will benefit. All druggists sell it at $1, 6 bottles for $5, or it will be sent, prepaid, on receipt of price by the Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

**Dr. Miles' Nervine**
**Restores Health**


### Blue Ridge Institute.

Program of local institute to be held at Blue Ridge, Jan. 11th, 1896.

Geography of the U. S.—G. A. Trotter, assisted by G. A. Tallant and W. L. Roper.

Arithmetic, percentage—W. W. Jones. Discussion J. H. Sutherland and Marion Blackwood.

Grammar—J. M. Shook. Discussion F. G. Jones and Willard Howerton.

History—J. J. McKinney. Discussion J. T. Slover and E. G. Howard.

Reading—Mr. Dickerson. Discussion——

The primary department—Miss Hattye Fewell. Discussion Misses Sallie Key and Mary Greer.

What does the pupil expect of the the teacher?—T. S. Hamm, Tracy Kever and Margaret Webb.

To what extent should morality be taught in our public schools?—Rev. D. W. Grounds, J. C. Saunders and W. A. Moyers.

### Lebanon Siftings.

Lebanon, Tex., Dec. 30th, '95.

Editor Democrat:

This part of the county was visited by a right stiff wind on the morning of the 24th, doing some damage. The new church at Lebanon was unroofed; Lewis Gordon's residence was blown down, injuring his little girl. Uncle Hogue Witt had his barn damaged and his blacksmith shop torn to pieces.

Mike Pitts spent Christmas in Montague county with relatives.

The Christmas tree in Allen was not largely attended owing to the mud.

A. A. Humphries and wife spent Christmas with their parents Mr. Branch and family north of Allen.

Mrs. Lone Christie visited her daughter, Mrs. Elkins, of Greer county, last week.

During Christmas George Young went to Montague county to spend the holidays.

The farmers are much nearer up with their work in this neighborhood than they were the corresponding date of last year.

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### Business Changes.

Many changes in business circles are being made in McKinney this week, mostly in location, however. Parlin & Orendorff Co.'s branch house is moving into the Heard brick which has been occupied by J. P. Nenney. J. P. Nenney is moving his large stock to the McDonald brick on the south side of the square which Wilcox & Rogers and Fount Shrader have just vacated. Wilcox & Rogers have purchased T. L. McMullen's grocery business and combined the two stocks in the stand on the southeast corner of the square occupied last year by the latter, while Mr. Shrader has formed a partnership with J. C. Wylie and moved his implement establishment into the Johnson block vacated by Stinnett Bros. dry goods establishment, which has been removed to Sherman. These are about all the changes so far except Lawrence Waddill, who retires from business, and Henry Lewis has disposed of his interest in the firm of Lewis & Ditto, grocerymen, to his partner, Mr. Ditto.

Mayor Pearson informed a Democrat reporter that he paid off Monday three more city bonds of $500 each. This makes in all $3000 of our city bonds called in and paid off by Col. Pearson this year, or rather in 1895, and they are not due either for seven or eight years yet. If our state's affairs were entrusted to the management of such wise and patriotic men as our mayor no doubt they would not be in such a deplorable condition.

**Children Cry for Pitcher's Casteria.**

### Recorder Finch's Court.

About eleven or twelve o'clock Saturday night City Marshal Burks and Officers Warden, McKinney and Gordon swooped in on a crowd of 37 men and boys in an upstairs room on the north side and procured sufficient data to warrant the arrest, a day or two later, of 15 of the number for gaming. City Attorney Carpenter succeeded in convicting 10 of that number in City Recorder Finch's court and the result was a contribution of $130 more in cool cash to the city's funds. Total fine and cost of each convict was $18.70.

### Married.

At the residence of the bride's mother in this city, Dink Estes and Miss Cloyd Short were joined in wedlock last evening in the presence of a number of friends and relatives. Rev. J. H. Wofford officiated. Many valuable presents were received by the bride and hearty congratulations were extended by the guests.

The young people have been reared in McKinney and are favorably known by all our people with whom The Democrat joins in offering best wishes for a long and happy wedded life.

### Blue Ridge Budget.

Our town is gradually improving. J. C. Conner has just finished his new store house and will open up some time in January.

The holidays passed off nicely for Blue Ridge. The people having succeeded in getting rid of the whiskey shop. So we think the the next man that puts up whiskey here will have to get up before day.

Those who anticipate sending to our school need not stand back on account of whiskey as the people say it can't stay here. So send your sons and daughters on and get the benefit of the best school in North Texas considering its age.

E. N. Davis, one of our school students, and Miss Bertie Ekles were united in matrimony recently. Hill.


**How's This?**

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for an case of Catarrh that can not be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & Co. Props.,
Toledo, O.

We the undersigned, have known F J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

West & Truax, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O., Walding, Kinnan & Marvin Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio.

Hall' Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucuous surfaces of the system. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Testimonials free.


### Food For Thought.

With the new year we are beginning a plan that should be of great interest to everyone doing their trading in McKinney.

We will establish this year one of the most attractive Dry Goods quarters in North Texas, from several stand points.

WHY IT WILL PAY YOU TO COME AND TRADE WITH US,

First—Our Mr. Aron will be in the markets twelve months in the year.

Second—We buy our goods for CASH and claim a superior knowledge from experience over our competitors.

Third—We will have strickly ONE PRICE TO ALL.

Fourth—With all these advantages we will sell our goods from 20 to 25% cheaper than other houses.

Our success here for years proves that we know how to do a dry goods business and we are HERE TO STAY and promise to redouble our efforts in every direction.

We will make much lower prices than ever before. Everyone that trades with us will buy their goods at ONE PRICE, either yourself, child or neighbor.

We fully realize that we will have to make the very lowest price. So our goods will stand comparison with any store in North Texas.

We thank all our friends and patrons for all past favors and ask you to continue to trade with us as we know you will find out the marked difference in prices.

Our motto will be to treat one and all alike. Don't spend your dollars until you have priced our Dry Goods and Clothing.

Our Mr. Aron will leave for New York on January 5th, 1896.

Wishing one and all a happy and prosperous new year

We remain

Very respectfully,
M. Aron & Co.

### Collin County Alliance.

The Collin County Alliance will meet Jan. 15th, 1896 with Snow Hill Alliance.

A. C. Stroup, Pres.


# Gone - -

Is the year 1895, and we take this method of thanking the many readers of The Democrat, who are our customers, and the public in general for the liberal patronage extended us during our Clearance sale and the entire year 1895.

That sale was a success as is always the case with every undertaking the

# Mississippi Store

feel disposed to engage in, for the people will back us. Honest dealing and low prices have gained for us the good will and patronage of the entire populace of Collin county and we will continue to merit your trade in like manner in the future.

Wishing you a prosperous year, we are,

Very truly yours,

# MISSISSIPPI STORE.....


### Rainfall for December, 1895.

Kept by C. B. Moore, 6 miles north of McKinney:

| | inches |
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| Dec. 18th and 19th | 1.2500 |
| " 23rd | .6250 |
| " 24th | 1.3750 |
| Total | 3.2500 |

RAINFALL IN 1895.

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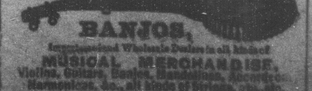
| Jan | 2.8720 |
| Feb | .5000 |
| March | 2.0875 |
| April | 3.5000 |
| May | 4.8750 |
| June | 6.0000 |
| July | 15.8750 |
| Aug | 1.0625 |
| Sept | 1.0000 |
| Oct | 1.6250 |
| Nov | .6250 |
| Dec | 3.2500 |
| Total | 43.2750 |

### A Rabbit Drive.

Messrs. John and George Kerby of Forest Grove gave their third annual rabbit hunt Monday, December 30th, which resulted in the scalping of 300 of these annoying pests. Bill Hardaway swung 29 scalps to his belt and carried off the honors of the day as the champion nimrod. In the drive of 1893, 450 were slain and the next year this number was increased by 130. Only about one mile square is covered in these drives but the result is very appreciably felt by the farmers of the locality, who suffer no little from these pesky little animals, which make short work of fruit trees, gardens, etc. Messrs. Kerby take great pains in crowding all the sport and enjoyment possible into each recurring occasion for their guests which means of course a dinner spread consisting of all the toothsome viands and delicacies known to farmers' wives. Will Simms, Jesse Atkinson, Judge Abernathy, W. S. Coffey, Joe, Johnnie and Wiley McKinney, F. M. and Chief Warden and Bob Mangum were the McKinneyites present.


JOHN F. STRATTON
CELEBRATED



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### Announcement.

Having bought out Mr. McMullen's grocery business, we have moved our stock of groceries to the building formerly occupied by him, known as the Krause & Battle corner.

We have now the largest and best selected stock of groceries in McKinney. Come and see us. We will make prices that will interest you.

Respectfully,
Wilcox & Rogers.


***The U. S. Gov't Reports***
***show Royal Baking Powder superior to all others.***


### Religious.

The entertainment given the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Christian church, on last Tuesday evening was in every way a success. Mrs. Calhoun knows just how to make it pleasant for her friends.

Eld. J. H. Wright of Dallas has been called to the pastorate of the Christian church at Plano.

Rev. D. J. Martin preached at Methodist church last night on the vows we have made during the year.

Eld. Drew of Van Alstyne preached at Forest Grove Sunday.

The Sunday schools of the city were very poorly attended, last Sunday, owing to the frosty norther that was prevailing; of course its being the first Sunday after Christmas didn't have anything to do with it at all, no, no, no!

Dr. T. W. Caskey preached an able discourse at the Christian church last Sunday night on "Christian Union." Though very feeble the doctor is still able to preach forceable sermons.

Rev. H. P. Shrader, formerly of the North Texas M. E. conference but now of the Northwest Methodist conference, preached at the Methodist church Sunday night. Rev. Shrader is visiting relatives in McKinney and Collin connty.

### I Eat.s.

W. H. Simmons of Prairie Grove died Dec. 21st after a short illness of pneumonia. The deceased was a son-in-law of John Y. Bowen and leaves a wife and six children besides a large circle of friends to mourn his death.

Mrs. Cal. Davis died yesterday morning at home, a short distance east of McKinney, after a 9 days illness of fever. The Democrat extends condolence to the bereaved husband and children.

# CRISP LOCAL ITEMS.

**Concerning People and Home Events of Interest to All.**

Welcome 1896!

World Almanac at this office.

Mrs. J. B. Johnson is visiting relatives in Dallas.

Wonders of the age at the Nickel store—call and see for yourself.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Stiff visited in Pilot Point last week.

Mrs. T. L. McMullen is visiting in Dallas this week.

Miss Nora Barron returned to school in Sherman this week.

Miss Lula Stearns of Fort Worth is visiting Mrs. Bob Bristol.

Mrs. W. B. Schimelpfenig is the guest of Plano relatives.

Grand rush to Denton's Pharmacy. Fall in; keep step with the crowd.

Miss Ada Brame of Greenville visited in this city last week.

Miss Jennie Worsham of Greenville is visiting friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. James Leddy of Dallas visited here recently.

J. H. Sneed and family visited at Vineland Sunday.

Hoyt Comedy Co. next week at opera house. Popular prices.

Miss Myrtle Terry is visiting Miss Dell Rhine.

The famous Nickel Store's popularity increases with age.

Jesse Warden has returned from a business trip to San Antonio.

John McKinney and family are visiting Bet Cook at Lucas.

Miss Sam Armstrong is visiting her brother, J. B. Armstrong in Ennis.

Mrs. T. J. Nale spent the holidays with relatives in Fort Worth.

A whole weeks attraction at the opera house next week—Hoyt Comedy Co.

Misses Mary and Nora Lane returned from a pleasaut visit to friends in Rockwall this week.

Most popular establishment in McKinney—Denton's Pharmacy.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Shirley of Dallas are visiting the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Worsham.

Nervous women will find relief in Hood's Sarsaparilla, because it enriches the blood and thus strengthens the nerves.

A supposed mad dog was shot and killed in the rear of Denton's Pharmacy yesterday by Jesse Shain.

Mr. Jim Cathey and bride of Ardmore, I. T., spent the holidays in this city.

J. C. Wylie has moved his family into Mr. Largent's house east of Frank Wilcox.

Beautiful Japanese gold fish at the Nickel Store—see them.

T. C. Perry has moved to his home place recently purchased from J. C. Wylie.

I. D. Fowler has commenced the erection of a cottage in the north part of the city.

Miss Dixie Humphries of Van Alstyne is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. L. Davis.

All the famous brands of wines and whiskies at Denton's Pharmacy. Sold only on prescription.

Miss Pearl Bagley has returned from Ennis where she visited Mrs. E. C. Cummings.

Dr. Rutlege of Melissa will leave soon for Louisville, Ky., to attend a course of medical lectures.

Mr and Mrs J. G. Williams of Whites Grove dined a party of their near friends and relatives Sunday.

Elephants, Japanese gold fish, Polly and Uncle Ed are the attractions at the Nickel Store.

Tom Mereland of Altoga called on us recently and ordered The Democrat for one year.

When in McKinney bring your families to W. D. Goostree's grocery store and see his large stock.

Dee Orenduff has accepted a position in the clothing department of M. Aron & Co.

Dr. J. P. Webster has returned from a brief prospecting tour to San Antonio and adjacent country.

Hot Springs and great watering resorts are "not in it" compared with Denton's Health Emporium.

Col. E. W. Morten and J. M. Morley went over to Farmersville Monday where they are engaged in business.

Manager Roderick has secured the popular fun producers—The Hoyt Comedy Co. for McKinney next week.

Simpson Moore of Engleman was in town Tuesday and called on us to leave cash for The Democrat.

Squandering money uselessly? You cannot do it when you buy at the Nickel Store.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fields of Dallas spent Saturday with Mr. Fields mother Mrs. M. A. Fields in this city.

Misses Ella and Lillian Bush of Allen visited Miss Lillie Daughetee Tuesday in this city on their way back to school at Sherman.


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If you want a good cigar 5 for 10 cents
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Go to Smith Bros. The leading Druggists.


Buy the Kingsbury piano.

Mrs. Bell Kelly who purchased Prof. Dodson's place is having some repairing done in the way of more room.

Are you sick? then visit Denton's famous health resort.

Miss Mary Huls, instructor in Carr-Burdette college, returned to Sherman Wednesday.

Many spurious imitations but only one genuine Denton's Pharmacy in the world.

Dr. Sims, formerly of McKinney but now of Weatherford, is in the city. We are sorry to note that his health is not as robust as at one time.

Ha there, you old rheumatic! Buy Denton's drugs and stop grunting.

William Cearley of Slidell, Texas, sends us one dollar to have his name enrolled upon our subscription list during the year 1896.

Our object is to impress every wearer of pants with the fact that the BUCKSKIN BREECHES are the best working pants made. We put a printed guarantee in the pockets of each pair, so you can get your money back, or get another pair, if you find they are not exactly as we say—best in every way—fit, finish and wear.

Denton's Pharmacy is the best known drug store in North Texas.

Mrs. G. F. Thomas returned to her home in Bowie after spending the holidays with her sisters, Mesdames T. Z. Dies and B. F. Ferguson in this city.

Here is a diamond, here is a piece of charcoal. Both carbon; yet between stands the mightiest of magicians—Nature. The food on your table, and your own body; elementally the same; yet between the two stands the digestion, the arbiter of growth or decline, life or death.

We cannot make a diamond; we cannot make flesh, blood and bone. No. But by means of the Shaker Digestive Cordial we can enable the stomach to digest food which would otherwise ferment and poison the system. In all forms of dyspepsia and incipient consumption, with weaknes, loss of flesh, thin blood, nervous prostration the Cordial is the successful remedy. Taken with food it relieves at once. It nourishes, and assists nature to nourish. A trial bottle—enough to show its merits—10 cents.

LAXOL is the medicine for children. Doctors recommend it in place of Castor Oil.

Lonnie Sims of Weatherford is spending a few days in McKinney visiting old friend. Lonnie is the son of Dr. Sims who once resided here with his excellent family.

Denton's Pharmacy is neat as a pin and contains nothing but the freshest of drugs.

J. C. Wylie has formed a partnership with Fount Shrader in the implement business, but will continue his brokerage as in the past, making this city his headquarters.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures of bad colds. It opens the secretions, relieves the lungs and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. If freely used as soon as the cold has been contracted, and before it has becomes settled in the system, it greatly lessens the severity of the attack and has often cured in a day what would have been a severe cold. For sale by the City Drug Store.

Little Misses Maggie and Bettie Worsham called on us recently with a treat in the way of a variety of Christmas cake. Thanks, little dears, the cake was excellent and all the more appreciated, coming from the source.

Honest dealing and nominal prices at the Nickel Store.

The total number of marriage licenses issued in Collin county during the year 1895 is 483. Number issued during the month of December 83; a falling off of both, for the year and month of December, from 1894.

Some time ago Mr. Simon Goldbaum of San Luis Rey, Cal., was troubled with lame back and rheumatism. He used Chamberlain's Pain Balm and a prompt cure was effected. He says he has since advised many of his friends to try it and all who have done so have spoken highly of it. It is for sale by the City Drug Store.

Walter S. Terrell returned from his trip to Utica, Mississippi, Tuesday. He was accompanied by Mrs. C. L. Terrell whose husband had preceded them.

Blotches, Old Sores, Ulcers and all skin eruptions cured by P. P. P., the greatest blood purifier of the age.

Rheumatism and Syphilis yield readily to P. P. P. (Prickly Ash, Poke Root and Potassium.)

If you are troubled with Dyspepsia Stomach Disorder or Liver and Kidney Complaint try P. P. P., and you will rejoice at its magical workings. Females are peculiarly benfited by P. P. P. It expels disease and gives healthy action to every organ.

Candidates for municipal officers of Sherman are announcing themselves. We notice Charles W. Parker, an old McKinney boy, is out for assessor and collector. Charlie would make an admirable incumbent of the office to which he aspires and we hope he may succeed.

Constable N. R. Williamson, the energetic friend of The Democrat, called on us Tuesday and left $8.25 which he had collected on subscription in his community. A few more such populists as N. R. Williamson and we'll sweep the county.

J. P. Snider one of Engleman's staunch populists subscribed for The Democrat Tuesday. He expressed regrets at having neglected to subscribe before.

## SOCIAL CIRCLES.

Mrs. Ewell gave a children's ball Saturday night at the opera house.

Eld. J. M. McKinney gave a Christmas dinner to his children and relatives.

A largely attended dance was given by Mr. and Mrs. Rich Rambo Monday night.

The Misses Burrage entertained a few of their friends with music Friday evening at the residence of their uncle on College Hill.

Mr. ane Mrs. Dick Massey entertained a large party of young people Christmas night at their residence in Petersburg.

Misses Emma and Sophia Moore entertained Thursday evening at their father's residence in West McKinney.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fields gave a dining one day last week. The occasion was in the nature of a family reunion.

Miss Sallie Bingham gave a party at the residence of her father, Capt. J. H. Bingham, Thursday evening. A number of her young friends were present to enjoy her hospitality.

Misses Laura and Alwilda Coffey entertained a large number of friends at their father's residence on South Chestnut street one evening last week for their guests, Misses Emma and Roxie Butler of Allen.

James Thomas Andrews and sister, Miss Anna, dined the following young people Sunday at their father, Esq. J. T. Andrews' residence, in East McKinney: Misses Nora Barron, Allie Sparlin, Lula Findley, Myrtie Burrus, and Dora Roberts; Messrs John Younger Will Boone, Kit Clark, Ed Bomar, Frank Howell and J. M. Andrews.

Prof. and Mrs. C. C. Cross entertained a party of their young friends at their residence in South McKinney Friday night. The affair was one in which Christmas cheer and jollity was in evidence.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Crouch gave a progressive conversation party Tuesday evening at their beautiful new residence on North Church street.

James Rhea won the honors of the evening. The guests were D. H. McDaniel and Miss Terry, Volney Coleman and Miss Mary Herndon, John Young and Miss Lottie Eubanks, James Rhea and Miss Bessie Howard, W. F. Cobb and Miss Kate Love, Fred Burnett and and Miss Allie Dowell, Charlie Adams and Miss Bertie Clement Vernie Graves and Miss Edna Clardy.

Last Friday Miss Epsie Strickland opened the doors of her elegant parlor to her friends and made them welcome until noon, when they were invited into the dining room where they were seated around one of the best filled tables that has been spread during the holidays. A fine turkey was served, along with everything else that goes to make a first class dinner. The following were the invited guests: Misses Mattie Neel, Emma Moore, Sophia Moore, Pearl Bagley, Mary Bagley, Mr. W. D. O'Guinn and wife, and Joe Strickland of Farmersville. All did justice to the many good things and left wishing Miss Epsie a "happy New Year."

A Christian Endeavor social was given at Mrs. S. J. Calhoun's on last Tuesday eve, which was largely attended and proved in every way a success. Different parties impersonated different characters. Among them J. N. Crutcher impersonated Uncle Sam, having on a full suit of "stars and stripes," and a high Cleveland hat, and holding in his hand a gold headed cane, signifying, as he said, that he was a "gold standard." Miss Flora Largent impersonated Japan in a full suit, and looked very much like a Japanese lady. Miss Lennie Crutcher's impersonation of the "Hospital Nurse" was splendid and made one feel as though he would like to be sick and have her tender hands and loving kindness administer to his wants.

Had there been any "Old Maids" in attendance Miss Ella Jenkins would have made them all blush with her imitations of the dear, sweet things. But fortunately none were there.

Miss Myrtle Fox, in "Little Red Riding Hood," was a grand and successful feature of the occasion.

W. D. O'Gwin's impersonation of a "Tramp" was splendid. A conversation took place between "Uncle Sam" and the "Tramp" and Uncle Sam said he was a gold standard and the tramp said he was a free silverite.

O. M. Goddard represented the "Farmer" (Hay-seed) his dress being suitable to the most of them, and had hay and "sargum" for sale.

Misses Mary Crutcher, Nellie Fox, Sallie Fox, Bertie Graves and Florence Ware, all representing the school girls, and they did it splendidly, with their baskets of dinner. Hay-seed and the Tramp found their baskets and soon got through with their contents.

Mr. Hugh McClellan impersonated the big Irishman from Ireland, having on a full suit, pipe in his mouth and a spade on his shoulder.

And last but not least, Mr. J. M. Muse, the genial editor of the Daily Budget was there and added much to the entertainment.

Thus the old year went from us forever and the new year was ushered in upon us, when it was tendered a hearty welcome by the ringing of the church bell. Refreshments were served and everybody wished their hostess many happy New Years and all went home.

### A Butcher's Experience.

Mr. J. W. Herring, a butcher of Phœnix City, Ala., says, May 14th, 1895: "For five years I had indigestion, which cotinued to get worse till my suffering was intense. I spent hundreds of dollars trying to get relief, but grew worse until the fall of 1893, when I commenced to use King's Royal Germetuer. I took only three bottles, but began to improve from the first use of it. I bought it of Dr. D. E. Morgan, and he can tell about my case. I cheerfully recommend Germetuer as the best medicine for Indigestion and Dyspepsia." New package, large bottle, 100 doses, $1. For sale by Smith Bros.


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## FROM PRINCETON.

**Musing on the Old Year.—Too Much "Tangle Foot."—Wedding.—Other Items.**

Jan. 1, 1896.

Another year has past! Its mark is on each brow, its shadow in each heart. Again, we turn over a new leaf, and with steady hand pen in life's volume one more page of good resolutions, each to fulfill, will be in chief our aim. We stop and look back a moment and think, Does the prospect please, or does the weary heart but sigh regret? Can recollection smile, or, ill at ease with what is past, wish only to forget? Can we smile when memory's lingering gaze once more recalls the dead year to sight? Would we live o'er again these changing days, or bid them fade forever into night? A solemn question and the faltering heart scarce dare say "yes," yet will not quite say "no;" for joy and sadness both have played their part.

W. J. Ledbetter organized a class in vocal music, which will begin next Friday night at the schoolhouse.

Miss Ora Straughan spent Tuesday and Wednesday with relatives in Princeton.

James Osborne, a young man who lives at Climax, happened to a painful accident the evening before Christmas while shooting fireworks at Princeton. He lit a large cannon cracker and before it could be thrown exploded, lacerating his hand fearfully and bursting his left eye.

Misses Mittie and Esther Rambo spent several days last week visiting relatives in McKinney.

J. S. Skipper, reported last week as being very sick in McKinney, died Tuesday morning. His remains were shipped out and buried in Princeton cemetery Christmas day. The support of a strong arm and protection of husband and father will be missed by the wife and large family of children. A sad Christmas, indeed, for them.

George McKinney and Lon Taylor passed through our village Saturday, returning from a hunt.

A candy breaking was enjoyed by the young people at the residence of S. H. Houseman Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shockley are rejoicing over the addition of a fine baby boy to their home circle, which event took place on the 25th day of December.

A citizen of a community some few miles east of here, having previously been "to town" and feigned the sick role to one of those conscientious examing M. D.'s and procured a good supply of hell-broth. R "A tablespoonful every fifteen minutes until satisfied," filled himself with the venomous stuff and proceeded to Princeton in the afternoon of Christmas day to "do the town," Arriving he undertook to take possession of the business houses and establish himself as sole manager. He was exited several times, and becoming enraged at the audacity of the proprietors in protecting their premises he grew frantic and wild, and it immediately became necessary that he should be arrested and bound under proper surveillance until the west bound passenger train arrived for his transportation to the temple of safety and justice in McKinney; $13.70, and here ended anethor chapter.

At 4 o'clock Sunday evening, Dec. 29, a large number of relatives and friends assembled at the residence of Mr. D. B. Reed to witness the nuptials of their daughter, Miss Minnie, and Mr. Joe Godwin. Eld. John M. McKinney spoke the words that made them husband and wife, after which the guests were ushered into the dining room where an elegant repast was served. The happy young couple will go to housekeeping in a short time, and we wish them all the joy that a life time can afford. Mr. John Allison and niece, Miss Cagle, recently from Tennessee but now of Farmersville returned home Monday after a weeks visit to the family of Mr. McMinewa.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harrelson went to Melissa Sunday evening to attend the bedside of Mrs. Franklin Roberts who is dangerously sick.

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We will try to make McKinney one of the best Dry Goods and Clothing Markets in the state for your family to trade.
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You will be surprised how much cheaper goods are now. Call on us and we will be pleased at all times to show you. . . . .
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Fortify the body against disease by Tutt's Liver Pills, an absolute cure for sick headache, dyspepsia, sour stomach, malaria, constipation, jaundice, biliousness and all kindred troubles.
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Tutt's Liver Pills


## BUSINESS BARGAINS.

**In This Column will be Found Items of Interest to Those who Would Save Money.**

Buy the Kingsbury piano.

A full line of pipes at Smith Bros. The leading Druggists.

Take your produce to W. D. Goostree's for the best market prices.

Large and small window glass—all sizes—at City Drug Store.

Now is the time for chapped hands and lips, for a remedy go to Smith Bros. The leading Druggists.

Come to this office and leave your order for the New York World Almanac. Price only 25cts.

Largest and most complete stock of wall paper, paints, varnishes and glass in North Texas at City Drug Store.

M. B. Rexrode will sell you a Chicago Cottage organ, the most popular organ in the South-West, on time to suit purchaser. Discount for cash.

Did you ever try our extracts of lemon and vanilla, they are our own manufacture and are absolutely pure? Smith Bros. The leading Druggists.

My stock of groceries is complete and fresh. My prices cannot be beaten Give me a trial.—W. D Goostree.

Just received, fifty new styles of visiting tablets and have envelopes to match. Smith Bros. The leading Druggists.

We will compound your prescriptions at any hour, night or day—night bell on front window. Smith Bros. The leading Druggists.

This is the season for coughs and colds We carry 30 kinds of remedies. Smith Bros. The leading Druggists.

See ad of the New York World Almanac in this issue. Leave your order rsa The Democrat office.—25cts.

We have three registered men in charge of our prescription department. Smith Bros. The leading Druggists.

Go to M. B. Rexrode, one door south of the Collin County bank, and buy the best organ in the market.

We have quite a variety of combs, hair brushes, tooth brushes, tooth powder, face powder and other toilet articles. Smith Bros. The leading Druggists.

We carry a complete stock of fine toilet soaps at prices to suit everybody. Smith Bros. The leading Druggists.

Window glass and putty for sale cheap at Wilcox & Sons' lumber yard.

To merchants in the country—If you have prescriptions that you do not carry the stock to fill, give us a call. We believe we carry a much larger stock than any one in McKinney. Smith Bros. The leading Druggists.

As to prices on same quality of goods no one can undersell us. Smith Bros. The leading Druggists.

Smith Bros. have made a specialty of prescriptions for the past ten years and keep the most complete and purest stock of prescription goods ever brought to McKinney.

### HOW TO MAKE MONEY.

Buy wall paper, paints, varnishes, glass and drugs and get your prescriptions filled at City Drug Store.

FOR SALE OR TRADE.—Three hundred and twenty acres of land near Breckinridge, Stephens county, Texas; all under fence. Call or write to The Democrat for further information.

We carry a nice line of perfumes and toilet waters—such imported brands as Pinand, Cellatrey, Atkinson and Lubin. We also carry quite a line of domestic manufacture. Smith Bros. The leading Druggists.

A BUSINESS CHANCE.—If you want to buy a half interest in a first-class machine and blacksmith shop in Ardmore, I. T., call or write to The Democrat, McKinney, Texas. Terms one-half cash, balance in notes.

M. B. Rexrode, one door south of the Collin County bank will sell you an organ cheaper than any dealer in McKinney, quality considered, either the Chicago, Cottage, Packard, Miller or Sterling. Also will order a piano either of 22 different makes at a closer margin than any dealer in the county, cash or installment. Give him a call. All instruments guaranteed for five years.

### TO PHYSICIANS.

We manufacture all our tinctures and syrups from assayed drugs according to last revision of U. S. Pharmacopia and guarantee their purity and strength. Smith Bros. The leading Druggists.

**Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment**

Is unequalled for Eczema, Tetter, Salt-Rheum, Scald Head, Sore Nipples, Chapped Hands, Itching Piles, Burns, Frost Bites, Chronic Sore Eyes and Granulated Eye Lids. For sale by druggists at 25 cents per box.

### TO HORSE OWNERS.

For putting a horse in a fine healthy condition try Dr. Cady's Condition Powders. They tone up the system, aid digestion, cure loss of appetite, relieve constipation, correct kidney disorders and destroy worms, giving new life to an old or over-worked horse. 25 cents per package. For sale by druggists.

### Cure Your Catarrh For $1.00.

There is no longer doubt about the efficacy of Dr. W. J. Thurmond's Catarrh Cure which is beyond any doubt the greatest remedy ever discovered for catarrh and cold in the head.

Mayor F. N. Oliver of Oak Cliff, Tex., writes: "Two bottles of Dr. Thurmond's Catarrh Cure cured my wife and son, Frank, of a bad case of catarrh of long standing. It is a great remedy and all the doctor claims for it." Those who suffer will do well to try the remedy. Sold by R. E. Bristol


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Simply apply "Swayne's Ointment." No internal medicine required. Cures tetter, eczema, itch, all eruptions on the face, hands, nose, &c., leaving the skin clear, white and healthy. Its great healing and curative powers are possessed by no other remedy. Ask your druggist for Swayne's Ointment.

### McKINNEY MARKETS.

SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 28.

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| Cotton | 7¼ to 7¾ cts. |
| Wheat per bus. | 30 to 50cts. |
| Corn " " | 18to 19cts. |
| Oats " " | 10 to 17cts. |
| Hay, baled, per ton | $4.00 to $5.00 |
| Millet hay per ton | $5.00 to $6.00 |
| Flour per cwt | $1.75 to 2.25 |
| Chops per cwt | 70cts. |
| Bran " cwt | 60cts. |
| Irish Potatoes per bu. | 75 to $1.00 |
| Sweet Potatoes " " | 40 to 50 cts. |
| Butter per lb | 10 to 12cts. |
| Eggs per doz | 10 to 13cts. |
| Lard per lb | 10 to 11cts. |
| Hogs per cwt | $3.00 |
| Beef on foot per cwt | $2.00 , $2.25. |
| " dressed " lb | 5cts. |
| Dressed pork per lb | 4¼ cts. |
| Chickens per doz. | $2.25 to $2.50 |
| Cotton seed per ton | $9.00. |
| Turkies | 30 to 50 cts. |

### Piles! Piles! Itching Piles.

Symtoms—Moisture; intense itching and stinging; most at night; worse by scratching. If allowed to continue tumors form which often bleed and ulcerate, becoming very sore. Swayne's ointment stops the itching and bleeding, heals ulceration, and in most cases removes the tumors. At druggist or by mail, for 50 cts. Dr. Swayne & Son Philadelphia.

### An Old Soldier's Recommendation.

In the late war I was a soldier in the First Maryland Volunteers, Company G. During my term of service I contracted chronic diarrhœa. Since then I have used a grest amount of medicine, but when if ound any that would give me relief it would injure my stomach, until Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and diarrhœa Remedy was brought to my notice. I used it and will say it is the only remedy that gave me permanent relief and no bad results follow I take pleasure in recommending this prepartion to all of my old comrades, who, while giving their services to their country, contracted this dreadful disease as I did, from eating unwholesome and uncooked food. Yours truly, A. E. BENDING, Halsey, Oregon. For sale by the City Drug Store.

### REMEMBER

That we only use the best and purest drugs that money will buy in our prescriptions. Smith Bros. The leading Druggists.

### AMUSEMENTS.

The Hoyt Comedy Co. opened a week's engagement last night, and despite the severity of the weather had a very fair attendance. The play presented was "In Old Kentucky," and the performance was very satisfactory those present enjoying the strong situations and the bright comedy with which the piece abounds. All the players were well adapted to their different roles and gave smooth, creditable performances. The company is above the usual standard of repertoire organizations and is composed of talented, all-round people. The specialties of Miss Hegel Harrison called forth much applause.—Denison Herald.

The above company will be at the opera house one week, commencing Monday Jan. 6. Prices 25, 35 and 50c. Ladies free Monday night, if accompanied by a paid reserved seat ticket. Seats now on sale.


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### ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

A. T. Wilson went out to Long Neck Saturday where he is visiting his daughter, Mrs. M. C. Gantt.

Will N. Griffin leaves next Tuesday for Knoxville, Tenn., where he will visit relatives and probably locate.

Misses Ernie Stiff and Elliot Harris attended a ball at Sherman Tuesday night.

H. C. Baker of the McKinney Produce Company returned Tuesday from a trip up in Missouri.

Miss Myrtle Oakley of Parvin is visiting the family of her cousin, E. B. Thompson, in this city.

Mrs. Giles Houston and children are visiting in Gainesville.

Williams Warden has moved his livery outfit to Denton, where he will have a livery business conducted. He and his family will continue to reside in McKinney.

Marion L. Sullivan, who has been stationed in McKinney for two years past in the employe of Parlin & Orendoff Co., is now located at Waco. He is still with that company.

S. S. Stroup came down from Whitewright, where he is attending school at Grayson College, and spent the holidays with his father's family at Verona. Sid wears the gold medal of that institution for superiority in oratory, and he certainly has a bright future lying out before him.

### To Our Friends and Customers.

We desire to return our thanks to our friends and customers for their liberal patronage during the year 1895 and solicit a continuance of the same for the new year.

We can still be found at our old stand and any orders that you may desire to give us will receive our most careful attention.

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## COLLIN COUNTY SWINE BREEDERS ORGANIZE.

On call of H. E. Singleton and others the swine breeders of Collin county met at the firemen's hall in McKinney on the 21st utt., at 11 a. m. J. D. Page was called to the chair and W. M. Kerr was appointed temporary secretary. The chair appointed the following committees:

On Constitution and By-laws, H. E. Singleton, J. S. Dowell, F. M. Hill, W. C. Cook, J. A. Smith.

On Permanent Organization: H. E. Singleton, J. C. Montgomery and T. M. Wilson. After which the meeting adjourned to meet at 1 p. m.

Afternoon session.—House called to order. On call for reports of committees the Committee on Constitution and By-laws reported as follows:

CONSTITUTION.

1st. This body shall be known as the Swine Breeder's Association.

2nd. The objects of this Association are to promote the breeding and improvement of domestic swine.

3rd. Any white person who is directly interested in any branch of the swine industry may become a member upon recommendation of two members in good standing and by paying the fees and dues prescribed by the By-laws.

4th. The officers of this association shall consist of a president, 1st and 2nd vice-president, secretary and treasurer and executive committee of five members and the president, who shall be ex-officio member. The president and vice-president shall be members who are actually engaged in the breeding of one or more of the recognized breeds of swine.

5th. The officers of this association shall be elected annually at the regular fall meeting by ballot and shall hold their offices for one year or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

6th. Upon charges being preferred by one or more members of the association against any member of the association of unfair or fraudulent practices as a breeder or any conduct affecting his standing as a member of this association, said charges shall be investigated by the executive committee after due notification to the accused of the time and place of said investigation. If the executive committee after an impartial hearing shall consider the charges sustained, the accused shall be suspended until the next regular meeting of the association when the report of the executive committee with the evidence shall be laid before the association for final action: provided that a vote of two-thirds of the members present shall be required to expel a member.

7th. This constitution may be changed or amended at any regular meeting by a two thirds vote of all the members present in the affirmative, provided thirty days notice of such change shall have been given.

BY-LAWS.

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings of the association and to perform such other duties appropiate to the office as the association may by a majority vote prescribe. In the absence of the president the ranking vice-president shall preside. In the absence of the president and the vice-president the association may call any member present to the chair. The chairman shall also have the power to appoint officers to fill the place of any who shall be absent for that meeting.

Sec. 2. The secretary and treasurer shall keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting in a book kept for that purpose. He shall also keep a roll of the members, and accurate accounts with each member, a correct account of all moneys received and paid out, with vouchers. He shall receive all money due and paid to the association, and pay out the same as directed by the association, or its duly authorized officers. The minutes and accounts shall be entered in a bound book kept for that purpose and such book shall at all times be open to inspection by any member in good standing. At the expiration of his term of office the secretary and treasurer shall turn over all books, papers and moneys belonging to the association to his successor in office, taking his receipt for the same, which transaction shall be entered upon the minutes of that meeting. He shall also conduct the correspondence of the association and perform such other clerical services as may be ordered by the association or directed by the president.

Sec. 3. The regular membership fee shall be one dollar, and the annual dues shall be twenty-five cents, to be paid in advance by each member. The regular meetings of the association shall be held semi-annually and shall be known as the spring meeting and the fall meeting. The time and place of each meeting shall be fixed at the preceding meeting or may be left to the decision of the executive committee in which case the call shall be issued and each member notified at least 30 days before.

Sec. 4. Seven members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Sec. 5. The executive committee shall have power, whenever they deem it expedient, to call special meetings and designate the time and place thereof, having due regard to the convenience of the membership and the appropriateness of the season.

Sec. 6. The executive committee shall act for the association in all matters pertaining to it during recess, and all their said acts shall be of similar force and effect as if done by the association at a regular meeting.

Sec. 7. These by-laws may be changed or amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of all the members present.

H. E. SINGLETON,
Chairman.

On motion of Dr. T. W. Wiley the committee's report was adopted.

The Committee on Permanent organization then reported the following recommendations: For president, J. S Dowell; first vice president, Allen T Murchison; second vice president, G. W. Ford; secretary and treasurer, T. M. Wilson; executive committee, W. M. Kerr, J. A. Smith, W. C. Cook, F. M. Hill, J. D. Pa

On motion the report of committee was adopted as read.

Enrollment of members was next taken with the following result: Dowell & Smith, H. E. Singleton, J. D. Page, Tuck Hill, W. C. Cook, J. A. Smith, S. B. Heard, Dr. T. W. Wiley, E. D. Baccus, J. C. Montgomery, J. G. Barnes, J. F. Wilcox, Wm. M. Horn, J. R. Herndon, W. M. Kerr, T. M. Wilson.

After the enrollment Singleton and Hill entertained the meeting with short, practical talks on the swine industry. On motion secretary was instructed to purchase book for keeping minutes and accounts of the association. On motion of J. D. Page a vote of thanks to the firemen for the use of their hall carried unanimously. The secretary was then instructed to furnish copy of minutes to the various papers of McKinney for publication. No further business, the meeting adjourned to meet Saturday, April 18, 1896.

### The Crawford Remedy.

McKinney, Collin Co., Tex., Dec. 13.—(To the News,)—"A sound currency, regulated by national law, amply secured by the issuing banks, without charge to the taxpayers and redeemable by the banks in gold, the fixed standard in values, and not by the taxpayers."

W. L. CRAWFORD.

This sounds well, and if there was not just a suspicion of over solicitude for the "taxpayers" it might be effective. What does Col. Crawford mean by "without charge to taxpayers?" The above passage, brief as it is, contains "the taxpayers" twice, and the colonel's solicitude for their relief from the burdens of taxation seems intense. He does not tell how relief will come. We only know that now, as it were, we are bearing the burden of taxation; that then, somehow, we will be relieved, and presumably the burden will be carried by the banks. Remarkable as it may seem the banks are clamoring for this martyrdom—this sacrifice of self, prompted no doubt by their love of the oppressed taxpayer.

In the extract quoted Col. Crawford is commenting the president's financial policy as recommended in his message. Where he gets the idea of taxes being taken off the taxpayers will remain one of the wonders to vex a future generation, if this policy is carried out. Col. Crawford must be taking it simply on faith. But by what tortuous construction is it possible that the president's financial policy will appear as a relief to the taxpayers? It recommends the retirement of the greenbacks and treasury notes, in all about $500,000,000; a currency that is now circulating among the people, and on which the taxpayers are paying no interest. Should Mr. Cleveland's recommendations be carried out, the whole of this currency will be funded into interest-bearing bonds, on which the taxpayers will pay interest to the amount of $15,000,000 annually for a period of thirty or fifty years. In thirty years they will have paid $450,000,000 interest alone, or in fifty years $750,000,000 without having paid one cent on the original debt. If these bonds are ever redeemed, who will redeem them but the taxpayers? Will Col. Crawford tell us? Yet it is this $500,000,000 bond issue that is to be the base for additional national bank notes, and a new lease of life for these institutions, whose heroic martyrdom (?) in assuming the burden of stealing away $15,000,000 annually, the interest raised by the taxpayers, almost challenges one's admiration.

Verily is this a divorcement of the government from the banking business; but that it is in the interest of the taxpayers will cause many people to think long and loud.

C. E. ORENCHAIN.

### LIFE

Has been compared to a great ocean upon which we drift. Our human bodies are crafts upon this ocean. We have absolute control over this craft of intricate Mechanism composed of a mass of flesh and bones. We hold the steerage in our own hands and we are fast sailing over the sea of life for a port in the far distance.

This ocean is just what we make it—large or small, rough or smooth. We can steer our craft in such a direction that, however few the years may be, we can make this ocean vast in area. To do this we must watch our actions and words lest we should do something that would make an aperture in our craft and cause us to go down in the vortex ere we had fairly started upon this life voyage.

Every person, old or young, large or small, has an influence upon others, and if we guide our craft in the proper direction our influence will be for good and ere our craft is born on the voyage only a few years, our influence has spread abroad over such an extensive area that we might be counted far on our voyage when we have gone only a short distance. I say, we should watch where we are going, or avoid the snags, as it were, lest we sink into oblivion before we are ever seen or heard of. When we have fully built our craft we should be very careful, for it takes years of hard toil and prayerful hopefulness to rebuild what may be torn down in one mad hour of insane jealousy.

We should avoid evil associates, intoxicating liquors and the card table, for they have, since the days of Adam, been a curse to man. They fasten themselves upon their victims and like those devil-fish that never let go their hold, slowly and steadily drag them down—to perdition. But if we avoid these things we can have a smooth ocean and there will be no obstacles in the way to mar our progress.

We should not altogether be given up to despondency. Of course there are things that happen in life, when we are least expecting them, that mar our pleasure and happiness, but we sometimes think too much of these things, and allow it to get such a possession of our thoughts that after awhile to get rid of will be a great task for us. We cannot prevent things happening that cause us to be despondent, but we find encouragement in these words: "A storm tossed soul sees in the distance a haven of refuge, but between are only impassable barriers, yet the struggle of hope is often stronger than the material object itself."

At last our frail craft, which has borne us over this ocean, is fast approaching its harbor where we are to learn our fate, and if we have conducted ourselves rightly, we can meet it boldly for "The soul of the just man, conscious of his own integrity, like the glorious orb enveloped in those mellow tints which are then reflected from it if a thousand hues, sinks into a peaceful slumber, again to rise in brighter splendor, and renew in another world the course destined for it by the Almighty Ruler of the universe."


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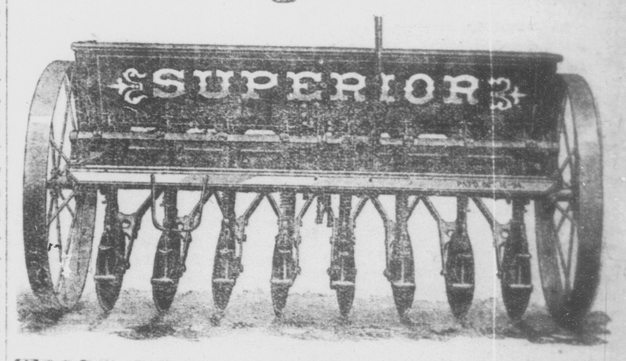


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